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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> 9694-000043/US/NP <b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known; see CFR 1.5)</b> <b>607570159</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/015377	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18 October 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 20 October 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>DISK APPARATUS</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Shinya OGASAWARA et al.</b>		
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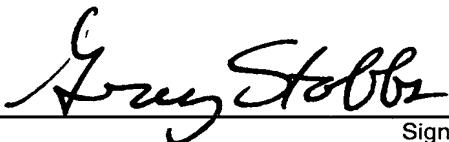
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